ber of Private Sector Units presently handling orders is 564. It is not possible to indicate in advance the additional private sector units, who are likely to participate and secure orders against future tenders.

Change of formula of Central Assistance

730. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing formula of Central Assistance to the State Plans is being changed considerably during the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the changes likely to be made; and

(c) the extent to which regional disparties will be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration to replace the existing modified Gadgil Formula of Central assistance which has been approved by the National Development Council in August, 1980.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Treatment of Cancer in the country

731. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a comprehensive programme for the detection/treatment of Cancer Cases in the country, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the annual amount of funds spent on Cancer detection/treatment programmes during he Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans and allocation proposed for the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a big gap in the number of Cobalt radiotherapy units required for the treatment of Cancer in the country and the number of units actually installed operating, and if so, the details there and what are the measures being taken or proposed to fill it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No new Comprehensive programme has been prepared.

(b) The expenditure incurred by the Govt. of India on various anti-cancer programmes is given below:—

Year/Plan	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs) Plan	Non-Plan
1. 6th Plan . .	1378.16	174.60
2. 7th Plan		
1985-86 . .	320.31	64.70
1986-87 . .	420.76	84.41
1987-88 . .	353.90	81.13
(Likely Expn.) .	1600.00	100.00
1988-89		
1989-90 . .	1600 00	103.00

*including provision to cover Japanese assistance. The Eighth Plan allocation for Cancer Control Programme is not yet known.

(c) At present Cobalt Therapy Units are available in 100 institutions including Medical Colleges and two research institutions Under the Cancer Control Programme, the Govt. of India gives financial assistance @ Rs. 12 lakhs per unit to the institutions to set up cobalt therapy units. It is proposed to cover all the recognised Government Medical Colleges in the country to set up cobalt therapy facilities in a phased manner.